

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 1, 5-21 are now in the application. Claims 18-21 have been added.

Independent claim 18 and dependent claims 19-21 are directed to a method of signal transmission of the voice-controlled apparatus of claims 1 and 5-17. Support for the new claims is found in the claims previously presented and in the corresponding description in the instant application.

The purpose of the Preliminary Amendment is to present claims of varying scope consistent with the apparatus claims 1 and 5-17 and in accordance with the present invention.

The discussion of the Knittel reference is set forth in the Amendment dated November 29, 2004 filed in the subject application and is equally applicable with respect to new claims 18-21.

Knittel does not show or suggest "transmitting sound information obtained from audio signals of the sound source being mixed together, encoded and/or modulated and converted

into sound information" as recited in independent claim 18 of the instant application.

It is accordingly believed to be clear that none of the references, whether taken alone or in any combination, either show or suggest the features of claim 1, 11, or 18. Claims 1, 11, and 18 are, therefore, believed to be patentable over the art. The dependent claims are believed to be patentable as well because they all are ultimately dependent on claim 1, 11, or 18.

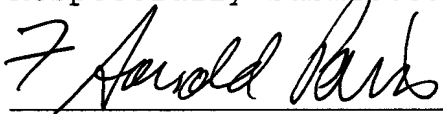
In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1 and 5-21 are solicited.

In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, counsel would appreciate receiving a telephone call so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked out.

Please charge any fees that might be due with respect to  
Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner and  
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An early action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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